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The Department of Housing and Community Development Highlights More Than \$624 Million in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 Housing Bond Funding to Create Housing Opportunities for Thousands of Californians

Sacramento –The California Department of Housing and Community Development today highlighted \$624.6 Million from Proposition 1C and Proposition 46. These funds were awarded to projects between February 1 and June 30, 2008 in 34 counties to provide housing opportunities for more than 17,000 Californians.

Proposition 1C is the \$2.85 billion housing bond passed by the voters in November 2006, a part of the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan. Proposition 46 is the previous \$2.1 billion housing bond approved by voters in November 2002.

"These awards will bring much needed housing to communities throughout California by providing affordable housing opportunities, revitalizing neighborhoods, improving infrastructure and building affordable housing near transit," said Lynn L. Jacobs, HCD Director. "These bond funds also stimulate the economy by creating jobs up and down the state."

Awards were made through the following housing programs, including:

- \$340 million awards through the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program will provide infrastructure improvements to facilitate new housing development in residential and mixed use infill projects throughout California, including parks or open space; water, sewer, or other utility service improvements; streets, roads, parking structures, or transit linkages and facilities; pedestrian or bicycle transit facilities; and traffic mitigation.
- \$145 million to provide funding through the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program to stimulate the production of higher density housing and related infrastructure within close proximity to transit stations that encourage increased public transit ridership and minimizes automobile trips.

- \$69.8 million in awards through the Multifamily Housing Program's General, Supportive Housing, and Homeless Youth funding components will provide permanent low-interest loans for the construction of new affordable apartment homes and rehabilitation of existing affordable units. Californians who make up the vital workforce - the backbone of our economy, as well as seniors, the disabled, homeless and those transitioning from homelessness - are among the future residents of the apartment homes that will be constructed or rehabilitated. The awards will help 902 California families, individuals and homeless youths realize the dream of an affordable rental home.
- \$28.5 million in commitments through the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) program, which reduces local regulatory barriers to affordable ownership housing, and provides downpayment assistance loans to qualifying first-time low- and moderate-income buyers of homes. These awards will help 949 families become homeowners.
- \$26.5 million through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program – Capital Development Component which awards funds capital development activities for emergency shelters, transitional housing and safe havens that provide shelter and supportive services for homeless individuals and families with 181 shelter spaces.
- \$13.9 million in commitments through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program which offers loans and grants for construction and rehabilitation of affordable owner-occupied and rental apartment homes for farm workers and their families. These funds will help nearly 563 farm worker families secure affordable housing. Activities funded include land acquisition, site development, construction and rehabilitation.
- \$856,800 through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation (CHSHTAA) which awards funds for activities such as construction supervision and training, site and house plan selection, homeownership training and help with building permits and inspections for the development of 52 homes for low or very low income households using the hands-on self-help method of building their own homes.

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing and works to improve the state's housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

Los Angeles Region

The Los Angeles Region will receive more than \$219.1 million to provide housing units for 6,220 families and individuals. This includes nearly \$137.7 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$44.2 million through the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program over \$26 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program and Supportive Housing and Homeless Youth Components, nearly \$6 million through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, and nearly \$5.3 million through Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program funds. (For more details please visit URL.)

San Francisco/Bay Area Region

The San Francisco/Bay Area Region will receive more than \$175.5 million to provide housing units for 4,518 families and individuals. This includes \$73.3 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, over \$62.7 million through the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program, \$25.1 million Multifamily Housing Program and its Homeless Youth Component, nearly \$8 million through the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program, nearly \$6 million through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program and \$444,000 through the CalHome Program. (For more details please visit URL.)

Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region

The Greater Sacramento/Stockton Region will receive over \$123 million to provide housing units for 324 families and individuals. This includes \$83.1 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$17 million through the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program, \$10.1 million creating affordable apartment homes through the Multifamily Housing Program, nearly \$6.7 through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, \$1.5 through the through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, nearly \$4.3 million in BEGIN program funds, and \$300,000 in CalHome Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Allocation Program funds. (For more details please visit URL.)

Central California

The Central California will receive nearly \$40 million to provide housing units for 1,218 families and individuals. This includes \$23.3 million in funds through in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$8 million through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, \$6.8 million in Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program funds, and \$1.8 million through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program. (For more details please visit URL.)

San Diego Region

The San Diego Region will receive \$36.1 million to provide housing and incentive units for 1,019 families and individuals for infrastructure improvements to facilitate new housing development in residential and mixed use infill projects throughout California housing, and stimulate the production of higher density housing and related infrastructure within close proximity to transit stations. This includes \$15.1 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$21 million through the Transit-Oriented Development Housing Program. (For more details please visit URL.)

Inland Empire

The Inland Empire will receive nearly \$16.3 to provide housing, and incentive units for 451 families and individuals. This includes \$3.8 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$1.5 million through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, \$3.9 million through the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program, nearly \$3.8 through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, \$3.2 million through the Multifamily Housing Program, and \$75,000 through the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program. (For more details please visit URL.)

Central Coast Region

The Central Coast will receive \$11.1 million to provide housing, and incentive units for 255 families and individuals. This includes \$1.5 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$5.2 million through the Multifamily Housing Program, nearly \$2.9 through the through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program, \$1.3 million through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, and \$240,000 through the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program. (For more details please visit URL.)

Northern California

Northern California will receive more than \$3 million to provide housing, and incentive units for 103 families and individuals. This includes \$2 million in Infill Infrastructure Grant Program funds, \$1 million through the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program, and \$37,800 through the CalHome Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Allocation Program. (For more details please visit URL.)

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Proposition 1C:

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Proposition 46:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/072008prop46region.pdf>

For a listing of total awards by Program, go visit:

Proposition 1C:

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Proposition 46:

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